

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 8 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claims 1-4 and 7 have each been amended. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated October 25, 2004.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication in item 4 of the Office Action that claims 1-8¹ would be allowable, if amended, to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph Rejection:

Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention.

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-4 and 7 have been amended to overcome this rejection. Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that one of ordinary skill in the art would readily understand that the claimed term “an alternative one of said two output terminals” refers to the second of the two output terminals. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

¹ Applicants submit that in item 4 of the Action, claims 1-7 should have read as claims 1-8.

Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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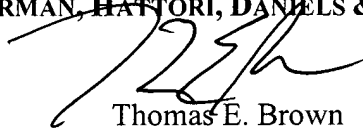
In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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